

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD  
IN THE EMPIRE HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON THE 24TH. AND 25TH. FEBRUARY,  
1947, COMMENCING AT 2.15 P.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT were Mr. E. A. Field (President) J. Mc.Fadzien Jnr. Vice-President) L. Box, J. R. Barber, T. Pearson, G. F. Gordon and the General Secretary (Mr. G. V. Fraser).

MINUTES of the meeting held in Auckland on the 8th. July, 1946 were read and confirmed.

SUBSCRIPTIONS BY QUEEN BREEDERS :- Referring to that part of the Minutes dealing with the understatement of hive holdings, Mr. Barber asked for a ruling on the basis of subscriptions payable by Members who are Queen Breeders.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Box "that Queen Breeder's subscriptions to the Association be based on the actual number of colonies carried through the winter, the word colony to include nuclei".

CONFERENCE DECISIONS ETC.:- Correspondence dealing with these matters was read as follows :-

- To the Minister of Marketing dated 24/7/46, 25/7/46, 14/10/46 and 25/10/46.
- From the Minister of Marketing, dated 8/8/46 (2) 26/9/46, 15/10/46 and 29/10/46.
- To the Minister of Agriculture, dated 24/7/46 (2), 25/7/46, and 13/8/46.
- From the Minister of Agriculture, dated 23/7/46, 19/8/46 and 23/8/46.
- To the Director of Internal Marketing, dated 25/10/46 and 7/2/47.
- From the Director of Internal Marketing, dated 30/10/46 and 12/12/46.
- To the Minister of Industries and Commerce, dated 25/7/46, 12/9/46 and 6/2/47.
- From the Minister of Industries and Commerce, dated 19/8/46 and 20/2/47.

DEPUTATION TO MINISTER OF MARKETING :- In view of the fact that the Minister had made a public announcement concerning an increased price for bulk honey supplied to the Internal Marketing Division, subsequent to arrangements having been made for the Executive to meet the Minister on the 25th. instant, the necessity or otherwise of now meeting the Minister was then discussed, following which it was moved by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Pearson, "that this Executive of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand Incorporated expresses its surprise and further, wishes to register its protest against the action of the Minister in making a public announcement concerning honey prices as the result of representations by the Suppliers' Association, through his officers, when our organisation had been pressing his predecessor for an increase for the past three years and having in mind the fact that the Minister already had correspondence on the matter before him from the National Association." The motion was carried, Mr. Barber voting against. It was thereupon decided that the appointment with the Minister be cancelled.

The desirability of endeavouring to secure a general increase in the price for retail-pack honey was then discussed, but a survey of the position resulted in a general agreement not to take any action in the matter.

EXPULSION OF MEMBER :- A letter was read from the Hawkes Bay Branch urging the expulsion of a Direct Member (Mr. W.J.C. Ashcroft) Mr. Gordon (President of the Branch) explained the full circumstances leading up to the request and the Secretary read a statement from Mr. Ashcroft and also from Mr. J. H. Milne of the Hawkes Bay Branch of the Fruitgrowers' Association.

Members did not consider that the facts warranted expulsion, but it was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Box "that this Executive expresses its regret that a Beekeeper should act in a spirit contrary to the interests of the Beekeepers in the District as a whole." The motion was carried.

INSURANCE OF APIARIES :- The Secretary gave details of the investigations he had made concerning the terms and premiums payable in respect of the Public Liability Policy held with Lloyds and read correspondence dealing with the matter from both N.Z. Co-operative Dairy Co. Ltd., and the New Zealand Insurance Co. Ltd., Following a general discussion, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Gordon "that the Public Liability cover at present held by Lloyds be transferred on due date to the New Zealand Insurance Co. Ltd., on the basis quoted by that Company, with a proviso that the renewal of the risk be not declined for a period of ten years."

EXPENSES OF DUNEDIN MEETING :- The Secretary explained his reasons for withholding payment of an amount of £2 -8/- expended by Mr. Mc.Fadzien in connection with the meeting held in Dunedin on the 14th. November, 1946. Both Mr. Mc.Fadzien and Mr. Field gave explanations regarding the calling of the meeting after which it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Gordon "that Mr. Mc.Fadzien be paid the amount of the account".

EXAMINATION OF BRANCH MINUTE BOOKS :- The Secretary reported that in accordance with the decision of last Conference he had written to the Secretaries of both the South Auckland and Auckland Central Branches instructing them to forward their Branch Minute Books per registered mail. Although several letters had been sent to the Auckland Central Branch no reply had been received and the Minute Book had not come to hand. Mr. Barber personally brought the South Auckland Minute Book to the meeting and after reading the minutes of a meeting of the Branch held on the 15th. September, 1943 explained in detail the events leading up to the formation of the Suppliers' Association. Mr. Barber also intimated that the Minute Book was open for inspection by members of the Executive if they wished to peruse it further. Resolved on the motion of Mr. Box, seconded by Mr. Gordon, "that the Executive after examining the Minute Book of the South Auckland Branch are satisfied that the Branch had adopted the correct procedure and furthermore that the Branch had no part in the activities of Mr. Hillary".

Concerning the failure of the Auckland Central Branch to answer the General Secretary's letters, the General Secretary said it appeared that all was not well in that Branch. He then read a letter he had received from Mr. F.S. Crawford of Kumeu who complained of having sent a cheque for £1 -10/- to the late Secretary (Mr. J. Watson at 9 Batkin Road Avondale), on the 29th. October last and that he had not received any acknowledgement of his cheque nor a reply to his subsequent letter to Mr. Watson in January of this year. The Secretary also read copies of letters sent to Mr. L. Riesterer of the Auckland Central Branch, who had recently intimated that he was acting as Secretary to the Branch in addition to holding office as Vice-President. No reply had been received to these letters. It was thereupon moved by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Mc.Fadzien "that the Secretary contact the President of the Branch, Mr. Campbell,

and failing a satisfactory reply, that he write to Mr. Walsh, Apiary Instructor, Dept. of Agriculture, Auckland regarding the matter". The motion was carried.

RESOLUTIONS FROM GORE BRANCH :- A letter was read from the Gore Branch containing the text of two resolutions passed by the Branch at a meeting held on the 13th. December last. These resolutions were (1) "That this Branch recommends that the Executive endeavour to incorporate the I.M.D. Suppliers' Association within the National as a separate independent section, with the proviso that the National shall not veto any proposal of the Suppliers' section on their Policy of Marketing through the I.M.D."

(2) "We consider that any proposals or recommendations by Branches to the Executive be allotted a separate page in the Journal for members' consideration. If this should be instituted all branches could discuss such proposals or recommendations and express their views accordingly."

Resolved (1) on the motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Mc.Fadzien "that as all Suppliers' Association members are not members of the National it is not possible to accept this proposal". (2) Moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Box "that any resolutions passed at Branch meetings be supplied to the Editor of the Journal for publication, thus enabling other Branches and individual members to comment in reply through the Journal." This motion was also carried.

LIFE MEMBERS:- Letters to and from Mr. J. Rentoul re his election as a Life Member were read and the Secretary suggested that a suitable form of Certificate of Life Membership should be adopted by the Association for presentation to recipients as a tangible form of recognition of the honour. Resolved on the motion of Mr. Mc.Fadzien, seconded by Mr. Box "that steps be taken to procure suitable Certificates of Life Membership for presentation to members so appointed". The matter of obtaining Certificates was left in the hands of the General Secretary.

A letter was read from the South Auckland Branch, requesting the election of Mr. T. Pearson as a Life Member. Mr. Barber mentioned the fact that Mr. T. Pearson had given up active beekeeping and that the Branch had made him a presentation on his requirement. He felt that Mr. Pearson was entitled to the honour of Life Membership of the Association.

Eulogistic references were made by members of the Services of Mr. Pearson and also of Messrs. A. H. Davies and R. Stewart, following which it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber seconded by Mr. Pearson "that this Executive recommends to Conference that Messrs. T. Pearson of Mission Bay, Auckland, A.H. Davies of Whangarei and R. Stewart of Heriot be elected Life Members."

HONEY FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES :- Fluenzol (Pty) Ltd. wrote asking that 1½ tons of honey urgently required for medicinal preparations be made available. Members considered that it was impossible for individuals to meet the request and as Mr. Barber was meeting Mr. Stoupe a little later in the day, the letter was handed to Mr. Barber with the request that Mr. Stoupe advise the Secretary of what action could be taken by the I.M.D.

HONEY PRICES :- Two letters were read from Mr. A. Mawhinney dealing with an application he had made to the Price Tribunal. Decided to advise Mr. Mawhinney that the Executive was doing all that was possible to improve the position.

PROVISIONS OF THE FACTORIES ACT :- This matter was introduced by Mr. Barber who asked for a ruling from the Executive on the necessity or otherwise of honey houses being registered under the Act. The Secretary said that the wording of the Factories Act 1921-22

(Section 2 Clause C) was fairly clear and that he had recently advised a member in Timaru to register his honey house in accordance with the demand made upon him by the Inspector of Factories in that area. Members felt however that Honey Houses should be treated like Cow Sheds and be exempt from the provisions of the Act. The matter was left in the hands of the President to discuss with the Chief Apiary Instructor.

VENUE OF CONFERENCE :- A letter from the Manawatu Branch requested that this years Conference be held in Palmerston North. Owing to the unsuitable time of train arrivals in Palmerston North the suggestion did not find favour and it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Box "that Conference this year be held in Wellington, the Executive to meet on Tuesday, with Conference on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, early in July."

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Box, seconded by Mr. Gordon "that it be a recommendation to Conference that the term of office of Executive members be three years."

(NOTE : It has been realised by Executive Members in recent years that a one-year term of office does not permit members sufficient time to give full consideration to Association policy).

It was decided to circularise Branches with the above-mentioned amendment and also that contained in the decision of last Conference regarding Remit No.24, the proposals to be submitted to a Special General Meeting to be held at the conclusion of the forthcoming Conference.

EDITORSHIP OF JOURNAL :- The Secretary read a letter he had received from Mr. W. J. Lennon dated 17th. February, in which Mr. Lennon requested that action be taken to relieve him of the burden of work entailed in connection with the Journal Mailing List.

The President read a letter he had just received from Mr. Lennon dated the 20th. February, tendering his resignation as Editor.

Members were somewhat at a loss to understand Mr. Lennon's sudden decision to resign and on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Box, it was resolved "that this Executive is concerned at the resignation of Mr. Lennon as Editor of our Journal and that

Mr. Lennon be contacted to see on what terms he would reconsider his decision".

It was further decided that in the event of Mr. Lennon not wishing to reconsider his decision, the matter be left in the hands of the President and Secretary.

SECRETARY'S SALARY :- Referring to the recommendation from the last Executive that the General Secretary's salary be increased to a minimum of £150, Mr. Mc.Fadzien said that the matter had come up for discussion at each meeting of the Executive since he was elected and on each occasion the General Secretary had urged that the matter be deferred. All realised however that the remuneration received by the Secretary was nowhere in proportion with the work involved and the services rendered. Mr. Mc.Fadzien then moved, seconded by Mr. Gordon, "That the recommendation of the previous Executive that the salary of the General Secretary be increased to £150 p.a. be adopted". The motion was carried, unanimously.

BRANCH BALANCE SHEETS for the year ended 31st. May, 1946 were received from the following Branches :- Taranaki, Manawatu, South Auckland, Hawkes Bay and West Coast.

Referring to operations of the Taranaki Branch, the Secretary read a letter he had forwarded to the Branch Secretary regarding an item of £9-17-6 shown as a refund to members.

The reply received from the Branch Secretary intimating that the amount represented a refund to members of 50% of subscriptions was also read. Members agreed that the Branch was not entitled to take such action which in effect meant a reduction in the subscription rate to the Association by 50 per cent. and it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Gordon "that this Executive condemns the action of the Taranaki Branch in refunding half membership fees and draws the attention of the Branch to the fact that such procedure is illegal according to the Rules (See Clause 12 - no pecuniary gain).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE was read as follows :-

From the Rationing Controller in reply to a resolution passed at the last Conference.

From the National Honey Show Ltd., London, re annual Show.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Mc.Fadzien, seconded by Mr. Pearson, "that all inward correspondence be received and outward correspondence approved."

1948 CONFERENCE :- Moved by Mr. Mc.Fadzien, seconded by Mr. Box "that the 1948 Conference be held in Dunedin." The motion was carried and it was agreed to make the necessary arrangements regarding accomodation.

The meeting concluded at 5.15 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE July 1<sup>st</sup> (947).....

CHAIRMAN S. A. Fulcher.....



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE  
EMPIRE HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON TUESDAY, 1ST. JULY, 1947 AT 9 A.M.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E. A. Field (President) J. Mc.Fadzien (Vice-President) J. R. Barber, G. F. Gordon, L. Box, T. E. Pearson and the General Secretary (Mr. G. V. Fraser).

Mr. W. J. Lennon, (Editor of the "N.Z. Beekeeper") was also in attendance.

MINUTES of the meeting held on the 25th. February, 1947 were read and confirmed.

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET :- The Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st. May, 1947 were read and briefly discussed, being subsequently adopted unanimously on the motion of the President.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNT :- The Secretary reported that an account for £5 - 0- 6 rendered against The Auckland Mail Order House in November last had not been paid despite repeated requests. Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Box "that the Secretary be authorised to take whatever steps deemed necessary to secure payment."

EDITORSHIP OF JOURNAL :- In connection with his previous notice of resignation, Mr. Lennon was invited to make a statement to the meeting. Mr. Lennon reviewed the position as set out in his letter and stated that he required relief from the great amount of clerical work involved with the Journal Mailing List. He also stated that he was not prepared to carry on unless allowed to attend all Executive Meetings and also to write Editorials. Unless the Executive agreed to these terms his resignation would have to stand.

Following a general discussion it was decided that the clerical side of the issue be referred to the Secretary and the Editor for consideration and that the whole matter be held over for further discussion later in the meeting.

INTERLUDE :- At this stage Messrs. Dallas and Winter of the Horticulture Division arrived and were briefly welcomed by the President. Both the visitors spoke upon a recent outbreak of poisoned honey in which employees of a Public Works Camp were seriously affected. Particulars were also given of the suspect area and of steps which had been taken to prohibit the keeping of bees there.

In thanking the Officers for the information given, the President expressed the keen appreciation of members for the prompt and effective manner with which the Department had dealt with the matter.

INVITATIONS TO CONFERENCE :- The Secretary read the invitations he had written to the Minister of Agriculture and officials of Departments in regard to Conference and read also the various replies received.

A letter was also read from Mr. W. B. Bray intimating that he would object to the Minister speaking at Conference after 10 a.m. Decided to take no action and the letter was "received".

A discussion then ensued on the question of allowing officials to address Conference. The Secretary said that there seemed to be a misunderstanding of the position. There was nothing in the Constitution to prevent non-members of the Association addressing the Conference. Such persons however could not be allowed to enter into discussions on matters before the Conference. It was decided that the President should make a statement on the position to Conference if he felt that such was necessary and it was agreed that in future it would be preferable to invite certain officials to make a report to Conference and to include such matters on the notice calling the meeting.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS :- The President read the address he had prepared for Conference and this was briefly discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and dealt with as follows :-

To the Minister of Marketing re Advisory Committee dated 14-4-47.

From the Minister in reply dated the 15-5-47.

Committee dated 20-5-47.

To the Minister a further letter re Advisory

Sugar dated 14-4-47.

To the Minister of Agriculture re subsidy on

From the Minister in reply dated 2-5-47.

From the Minister in reply dated 19-6-47.

To the Minister in reply dated 24-6-47.

Licensing of Honey Houses under the Factories Act, dated 1-5-47.

From Secretary, Dept: of Labour in reply, dated 6-5-47

To Secretary, Dept. of Labour, dated 3-6-47.

From Secretary, Dept. of Labour, dated 12-6-47.

To Secretary, Depart. of Labour, dated 17-6-47.

From Secretary, Dept. of Labour, dated 23-6-47.

From the Price Tribunal, dated 5-5-47.

From the Price Tribunal, dated 27-5-47.

From the Price Tribunal, dated 5-6-47.

From the Price Tribunal, dated 5-6-47.

To the Price Tribunal, dated 9-6-47.

From the Price Tribunal, in reply, dated 25-6-47.

ADJOURNMENT :- The time being 1.20 p.m. the meeting then adjourned for lunch.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting resumed at 2.20 p.m. Messrs. Barber and Pearson being absent, having left to attend a meeting of the Suppliers' Assn.

PRICE TRIBUNAL :- With reference to the correspondence on this subject, Mr. Box suggested that a new approach to the problem of increasing prices might be made in an effort to cut down the margin of recognised profit to Merchant and Retailer. As neither the Merchant or the Retailer were receiving supplies under the present scheme, he thought both would be prepared to cut their margins in order to secure supplies.

It was decided however to leave the matter for discussion at Conference.

AUCKLAND CENTRAL BRANCH :- The following correspondence was read :-

To Mr. F. Campbell, dated 23-4-47.

From Mr. F. Campbell, dated 16-5-47.

From Mr. F.S. Crawford, dated 28-5-47.

To Mr. F. S. Crawford, dated 10-6-47.

From Mr. F. Riesterer, dated 29-5-47.

From Mr. F. Riesterer, dated 31-5-47.

To Mr. F. Riesterer, in reply, dated 9-6-47.

GENERAL :- The South Auckland Branch wrote expressing its disappointment that a letter of protest was sent to the Minister instead of the opportunity being taken to place the Executive's viewpoint before the Minister in person.

From the Canterbury Branch endorsing the Executive's action in refraining from meeting the Minister in view of the circumstances and congratulating them on their wisdom.

From the Canterbury Branch, nominating Mr. T. F. Penrose as a member of the National Executive.

From the Canterbury Branch, nominating Mr. T. Chave of Christchurch and Mr. A. Barret of Leeston for Life Membership. In this latter connection it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Mc.Fadzien, seconded by Mr. Gordon "that the names be referred back to the Branch for full particulars of the services rendered by these members to the Industry."

From the Clutha Branch asking what steps should be taken to effect an amalgamation with the Gore Branch.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Box, seconded by Mr. Mc.Fadzien "that the National Executive call a special meeting of the Clutha Branch for the purpose of considering the future of the Branch and that such meeting be presided over by a member of the General Executive. Further that the Branch Secretary contact the nearest member of the General Executive and fix a time and place for the meeting, which would be called under the authority of the General Secretary".

From the Taranaki Branch, copy of letter to the Minister re subsidy on Sugar.

From Central-Southern Hawkes Bay Branch suggesting a supply of literature setting out advantages of membership in the National Association to be used in a drive for new members.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Mc.Fadzien "that the suggestion be agreed upon and that the matter be left to the Editor and the Standing Committee regarding the publication of circulars which should be sent out to Branches and to Apiary Instructors, with the suggestion that Branches bear part of the cost."

The Secretary read correspondence which had recently passed between himself and Mr. D. S. Robinson, Apiary Instructor, regarding the possibility of forming a branch of the Association in the Wairarapa. He also read a telegram just received from Mr. Robinson that a Branch had been duly formed in Masterton.

Resolved on the motion of the President "that this Executive place on record its appreciation of the continued interest of Mr. Robinson in the National Association and congratulates him upon the formation of yet another Branch."

REFRESHMENTS :- The Secretary reported having arranged with the Returned Services' Association for afternoon tea to be served to Delegates and guests in the Club's Cafeteria during the Conference, at a charge of 6d. per head.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Box, seconded by Mr. Gordon "that the Secretary's action be endorsed."

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES :- The Secretary submitted sample copies of Certificates he had obtained, which, although not entirely suitable, gave members an indication of what it was intended to procure. On the motion of Mr. Box, seconded by Mr. Mc.Fadzien it was resolved "that suitable Certificates be printed and that the matter be left in the hands of the President, Secretary and Editor."

RE CORRESPONDENCE :- Moved by Mr. Mc.Fadzien, seconded by Mr. Box "that the outward correspondence as read be approved and the inward correspondence be received." Carried.

BRANCH BALANCE SHEETS as follows were read :-

From C.S. Hawkes Bay,	1945.
" C.S. Hawkes Bay,	1946.
" Wanganui,	1946.
" Central Otago.	1946.
" Clutha.	1946.
" King Country.	1946.
" Manawatu.	1947.
" Gore.	1947.

From Southland,	1947.
" Far North,	1947.
" Gisborne,	1947.
" Canterbury,	1947.
" Sth. Auckland,	1947.

The healthy state of Branch finances generally, was favourably commented upon and it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Mc.Fadzien "that the Branch Balance Sheets as submitted be adopted."

EDITOR'S SALARY :- The question of an increase in the Editor's salary was briefly discussed but in view of the fact that this was the last meeting of the present Executive, no action was taken.

The President paid a tribute to Mr. Lennon for the continued success of the Journal and referred to the conscientious manner in which he had carried on his work.

These sentiments were endorsed by other members and on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Box, it was resolved "that Mr. Lennon be paid a bonus of £20 in recognition of past services."

Mr. Lennon expressed his thanks but intimated that he was not happy regarding the decision.

Further discussion on the Editorship of the Journal was held over, owing to the fact that the Editor and the Secretary had not yet discussed the question of the clerical work involved.

The meeting concluded at 6.10 p.m. with an expression of thanks by the President to members for their assistance.

CONFIRMED.

DATE 10-10-47 ..... CHAIRMAN S. J. Field .....

## ROOM BASEMENT OF THE WELLINGTON RETURNED SERVICES' ASSOCIATION

BUILDING, WELLINGTON, ON THURSDAY, 3RD. JULY, 1947 AT 8 P.M.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E. A. Field (President) J. Mc.Fadzien (Vice-President) G. F. Gordon, P. Berry, (Hawkes Bay) P.H. Martin, (West Coast) Hedge, and Adrian, (C.S. Hawkes Bay) Penrose, Bray, Ecroyd, Forster, Pearson, (Canterbury) Wedde (King Country) Herron, Box, (Gore). Holdaway, (Northland). Cropp (Nelson). Hillary (Auck. Central). Nelson, Holt, Barber, (Sth. Auckland). Furness (Manawatu). Kirk (Wanganui). Burden, Simpson and the General Secretary (Mr. G. V. Fraser).

NOTICE OF THE MEETING was formally read by the Secretary.

MINUTES of the Special General Meeting held on the 26th. March, 1946 were read and confirmed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES :-

(1) MANAWATU : (Rule 22) "That Conference be asked to extend the term of the Dominion President from one year to three years." Moved by Mr. Furness, lapsed for want of a seconder.

(2) GENERAL EXECUTIVE : (Rule 22) "That the term of office of Executive Members be extended from one year to three years." Moved by Mr. Box, seconded pro forma by Mr. Penrose. Amendment, moved by Mr. Barber, "that half of the Executive members retire each year, i.e. one from each Island, to be decided by ballot". Seconded, Mr. Penrose. Put as an amendment and carried. Put as the motion and Lost. Mr. Box stated that he would withdraw the original motion. It was thereupon moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Gordon "that the President be elected for the ensuing year and that he shall not be eligible for election for a third term." On being put, the motion was Lost.

(3) GENERAL EXECUTIVE : (Rule 35e) "That when matters of vital importance to Commercial Producers are being decided, a vote be taken by Commercial Producers only, upon the basis decided at the last Annual Conference i.e. 'that for the purpose of this section a Commercial Producer be deemed to be a member owning not less than 90 hives' ". Moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Box. Motion Lost.

(4) AUCKLAND CENTRAL : (Rule 35a) "That the multiple of one vote per 30 colonies or part thereof be reduced." Withdrawn.

(5) AUCKLAND CENTRAL : (Rule 37) "That postal voting be by delegates postal vote only." Moved by Mr. Hillary - Lapsed for want of a seconder.

(6) AUCKLAND CENTRAL : (Rule 22) "That this Branch considers that Executive members be nominated by Branches only and nominations to close in sufficient time for branches to be notified one month prior to Conference." Moved by Mr. Hillary, seconded by Mr. Holt. Motion Lost.

(7) AUCKLAND CENTRAL : (Rule 22) "That delegates shall elect the President, Vice-President and four members from the Dominion to the General Executive."

Moved by Mr. Hillary - Lapsed for want of a seconder.

(8) AUCKLAND CENTRAL : (Rule 35c) (Voting at Meetings) "That the sub-clause 'Every delegate shall be entitled to exercise his voting power according to his own judgment after hearing the discussions at any meeting at which he is present personally', be wholly deleted."

Withdrawn.

(9) AUCKLAND CENTRAL : (Rule 31) "That two copies of the Executive Balance Sheet shall be forwarded to Branches only as soon as possible after being passed by the Auditor."

Moved by Mr. Hillary, seconded by Mr. Holt.  
Withdrawn.

(10) AUCKLAND CENTRAL : (New Rule) "That only financial members shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Branch to which he belongs."

Withdrawn.

(11) AUCKLAND CENTRAL : (Rule 22) "That this Branch considers that the time is opportune for the control of the National to be decentralised along the lines of three separate divisions linked to a main body."

Moved by Mr. Hillary - Lapsed for want of a seconder.

When the above business had been disposed of, the President said it was evident that many of the suggested amendments would not have been brought forward had those responsible first referred to the existing rules more carefully. He pointed out that a very great amount of time and thought had been put into the framing of the new Constitution with the express idea of avoiding the necessity for constant revision. He urged members to give very careful consideration in future, regarding suggested amendments and in doing so, referred also to the amount of work and expense involved in arranging for a Special General Meeting to consider amendments to the Rules.

A vote of thanks to the Chair was carried on the motion of Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Penrose and the meeting then concluded.

CONFIRMED.

DATE ..... CHAIRMAN .....

# Resolution to operate on the Account of a Corporate Body or Unincorporated Society or Club.

**For Instructions as to completion  
see back of Form.**

To the BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

You are hereby notified that the following is a true copy of a Resolution recorded in the Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of (a) The General Executive duly convened and held in accordance with the Rules or Articles of Association of (b) The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated. on the Fourth day of July, 1947.

Resolved:—(1) "That (c) any one member of the Executive jointly with the General Secretary, be and are hereby appointed to operate the account of (b) The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated. (hereinafter termed "the Corporation") kept with the Bank of New Zealand at Foxton. and that the Bank be requested to honour and charge to the said account all Cheques drawn and all Bills of Exchange or Promissory Notes accepted or made by them on behalf of the Corporation whether the balance of the said account be credit or debit.

(2) "That (c) The General Secretary. be empowered to endorse Cheques, Drafts, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes and other negotiable instruments on behalf of the Corporation.

(3) "That all previous resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said Account are hereby superseded.

(4) "That the authority granted by this Resolution shall subsist until superseded by a further Resolution of the (a) The General Executive."

The subjoined schedule sets out the names, official designations and specimen signatures of the persons authorised by the said Resolution to operate on the said Account. You will be notified in writing of the passing of any further resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said Account and of any Changes in the names or official designations of any of such persons.

Name in full (e)	Official (f) Designation	Specimen (g) Signature
<u>Edward Dennis Field</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>E. D. Field</u>
<u>Edward Dennis Williams</u>	<u>Vice-President</u>	<u>E. D. Williams</u>
<u>James Richards Barker</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>J. R. Barker</u>
<u>John Mc Padyen</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>John Mc Padyen</u>
<u>Eri James Kirk</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Eri. Kirk</u>
<u>Thomas Edward Pearson</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>T. E. Pearson</u>
<u>Garnet Victor Fraser</u>	<u>Secretary.</u>	<u>G. V. Fraser</u>

(h) The Common Seal of The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc.

was hereunto affixed this Fourth day of July, 1947 in the presence of

(i) Signed on behalf of and under the authority of this day of July, 1947 by

(Delete whichever attestation clause is not applicable.)



PRESIDENT.

GEN. SECRETARY.

MEMBER.

E. Field  
G. V. Fraser  
John Mc Padyen

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELD IN  
 THE EMPIRE HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON FRIDAY, 4TH. JULY, 1947 AT 4.45 P.M.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E. A. Field (President) E. D. Williams, (Vice-President) J. R. Barber, J. Mc.Fadzien, E. J. Kirk, T. E. Pearson and the General Secretary (Mr. G. V. Fraser).

Mr. W. J. Lennon (Editor of "The N.Z. Beekeeper") was also in attendance.

BANK AUTHORITY :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Mc.Fadzien, seconded by Mr. Pearson that the usual Bank Authority (attached) be completed.

SUGAR FOR BEE-FEEDING :- This matter was briefly discussed when it was decided to take no further action until the Minister's reply to the Secretary's latest letter was received. It was agreed however that failing a satisfactory reply, a personal approach be made to the Minister regarding the submissions already put forward. If further progress could still not be made from this appeal, members favoured an approach from a price increase angle.

MARKETING :- In referring to the Conference decisions, Mr. Barber stressed the need for a common approach to the matter. Following a general discussion, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by the President, "that this Association is prepared to assist the I.M.D. to procure supplies of honey and will do so on an assurance being received that fifty per cent. of the total honey supplied will be exported to Great Britain, the balance to be distributed to essential services in New Zealand. Further, that in order to secure the supply, the I.M.D. be requested to indicate that a minimum price of 10<sup>1/2</sup>d. per lb. will be paid."

It was further decided that the Secretary should write to the Director of the I.M.D. stating that the Executive's immediate object is to secure a minimum supply to the Division of 200 tons and at the same time to express the wish to have the "Honeyco" pack replace the existing I.M.D. pack at the earliest practicable date.

EDITORSHIP OF JOURNAL :- The Secretary reported that after a discussion with Mr. Lennon, he had agreed to take over the compiling of the Members' Mailing List for the Printer. Mr. Lennon said that this would relieve him of a vast amount of the clerical work and he was therefore quite prepared to continue the Editorship, providing the question of Editorials was cleared up. It was thereupon agreed that Mr. Lennon should continue with the Editorials and members agreed to send in articles to the Editor.

MID-YEAR MEETING :- The advisability of altering the practice of holding mid-year meetings in February was mentioned by Mr. Pearson, who suggested that the date be made as late as the middle of March.

Mr. Williams said that the latter part of September would be preferable from his point of view.

The President pointed out that the holding of a meeting in September would depend upon the amount of business which had come forward by that date.

PRESS ASSOCIATION MESSAGE :- The desirability of arranging for a P.A. message regarding a price increase and its probable effect upon retail sales through normal trading channels, was agreed upon and the President and Mr. Kirk drew up a draft of the message, which was approved.

This concluded the business of the meeting which terminated at 6.10 p.m.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELD IN  
THE EMPIRE HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON THE 20TH. AND 21ST.  
OCTOBER, 1947, COMMENCING AT 2.15 p.m. ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT : Messrs. E. A. Field (President) E. D. Williams, (Vice-President) E. J. Kirk, J. Mc.Fadzien, J. R. Barber, T. E. Pearson and the General Secretary (Mr. G. V. Fraser).

MINUTES of the meeting held in Wellington on the 1st. July, 1947 and of the Special Meeting held in Wellington on the 4th. July, 1947 were read and confirmed.

Referring to the minutes, the Secretary reported that the unpaid account for £5 previously mentioned had since been collected without having to take legal action.

Mr. Mc.Fadzien, also referring to the Minutes, asked if anything further had been decided in regard to the Editor's salary. It was pointed out that Mr. Lennon, at the special meeting, had agreed to carry on as usual on the understanding that the General Secretary should take over the work of compiling the Members' Mailing List each year.

MARKETING : Correspondence in this connection was read as follows :-

To the Director, Internal Marketing Division, dated the 17th. July.

To the Minister of Marketing, dated 10th. July.

" " " " " 25th. July.

From " " " " " 30th. September.

To " " " " " 13th. October.

From Mr. Greig (Minister's Sec.) " 9th. October.

To " " " " " 13th. October.

From " " " " " 16th. October.

CLUTHA BRANCH : Correspondence to and from the Secretary of the Clutha Branch and Mr. J. Mc.Fadzien with regard to the proposed amalgamation of the Clutha and Gore Branches were read as also was the notice sent to members of the Gore Branch by the General Secretary.

Mr. Mc.Fadzien reported briefly on the meeting which took place at Balclutha on the 17th. October and intimated that the Secretary of the Clutha Branch would be furnishing the General Secretary with a full report of the meeting.

IMPORTATION OF TEXT BOOKS : Mr. R.S. Walsh, Apiary Instructor of Auckland, wrote stating that a book importer of Auckland was prepared to import 1000 copies of Root's ABC-XYZ of Bee Culture from America which he was prepared to sell to Beekeepers at a cost of £1 per copy, provided the Association would support his application for an Import License. The Secretary read a copy of his reply to Mr. Walsh, stating that the matter was one for consideration by the Executive. Decided to advise Mr. Walsh that the Executive was not in favour of giving preference to any one individual for the purpose of securing copies of the book from America, as Beekeepers may secure copies direct if they so desire.

DUNEDIN CONFERENCE : The Secretary reported having reserved the use of the R.S.A. Hall in Dunedin for the 1948 Conference but stated that as yet he had not been able to secure the necessary hotel accomodation. It was agreed that Mr. Mc.Fadzien should make further enquiries on his return to Dunedin and that the matter be held over in the meantime.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES : The Beynon Printing Co., wrote submitting two sample copies of Certificates as drafted by the Secretary and quoted a price of £3 -5/- plus 20 per cent. Sales Tax for 100 copies.

Decided to order 100 Copies with the Bee design in the upper position coloured the same as on the Journal cover if possible.

Concerning Life Membership, Mr. A.H. Davies of Whangarei wrote expressing his thanks to members for the honour conferred upon him at the last Conference.

HIVE MATS : N.Z. Woolpack & Textiles Ltd., wrote stating that the quantity of material available for hive mats had dwindled until it was now not much more than sufficient for 1 bale of mats per month. To use new cloth for mats on todays costs would necessitate charging 8½d. per mat, as against 1½d. per mat previously charged.

Decided to reply stating that a selvedge edge on the mats would be a great improvement but that it was not considered that the mats would be saleable at 8½d. each.

I.M.D. & JOURNAL : The President read a letter he had received from Mr. Stoupe, complaining of the action of the Editor of the Journal in publishing copies of correspondence which had passed between them in regard to the allocation of supplies for the coming season. Mr. Field also read a copy of his letter in reply to Mr. Stoupe. The Executive approved of the President's reply to Mr. Stoupe and it was decided to send copies of the correspondence to Mr. Lennon, stating that it was considered that he had been a little indiscreet and expressing the hope that such action would not be repeated.

PRICE INCREASE : Correspondence to and from the Price Investigation Tribunal, was read as follows :-

To the P.I.T. dated the 9th. September.  
From the P.I.T. dated the 26th. September.  
To the P.I.T. dated the 13th. October.

SUBSIDY ON SUGAR : Three letters in reply were read from the Minister of Agriculture, dated 3rd. July, 29th. August and 1st. October respectively, in regard to repeated requests for reconsideration of the decision not to re-introduce the subsidy on sugar for bee feed. The last mentioned letter stated that the matter had been further discussed with the Prime Minister, but in view of the Government's announced stabilisation policy no action could be taken to restore the subsidy to Beekeepers.

CONFERENCE DECISIONS : Letters in this connection were read as follows:-

To the Minister of Agriculture, dated 10th. July.  
From " " " " " 5th. August.

POLLEN SUPPLEMENTS : Mr. T. S. Winter, Chief Apiary Instructor, writing in reply under dated of 14th. October gave the sources of supply of Soya Bean Flour and Brufax Yeast and enclosed a copy of Mr. Palmer-Jone's article on the use etc. of these supplements.

The Secretary reported having received a telephone communication from Mr. Murray of the Dominion Compressed Yeast Co., Auckland, quoting supplies of finely-ground yeast at 3/4d. per lb. particulars of which were to be advertised in the Journal.

D.D.T. ORCHARD SPRAY : The Director of the Horticulture Division, writing on the 18th. August reported that further tests carried out confirmed the results of previous tests which showed that provided the trees are not sprayed when blossoms are on the trees, there is no danger to honey bees from the use of this spray.

DISPOSAL OF CORRESPONDENCE : Resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Pearson "that the outward correspondence be approved and the inward received."

ADJOURNMENT : After a general preliminary discussion on questions relating to Price Increases and the setting-up of a Marketing Council, the meeting adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

RESUMPTION : The meeting resumed at 9.15 a.m. on Tuesday the 21st. October, all members being present.

PRICE INCREASE : The basis of discussion on this subject centred round a statement of production costs presented by Mr. Barber, as compared with the statement previously prepared by the Department of Agriculture,

coupled with a suggestion that Mr. Honeyfield may be prepared to present a case direct to the Stabilisation Commission and sponsored jointly by the National Association and the Honey Suppliers' Association. It was agreed that the item of wages as shown on Mr. Barbers statement should be amended to provide for a full-time assistant to a man operating 450 hives, as it was impossible to retain the services of a man or youth on a part-time basis at the present time. After a general discussion on increased sugar costs and other items listed, it was decided to adopt the suggestion to by-pass the Price Tribunal and in this respect it was agreed to write to the Price Controller stating that consideration was now being given to the question of having a joint case prepared on behalf of the National Association and the Honey Suppliers' Association.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Kirk, "that Mr. Field be appointed from this Association to work with Mr. Holt in contacting Mr. Honeyfield immediately, with a view to presenting a joint case to the Stabilisation Commission for an increase in the price of honey."

HONEY MARKETING COUNCIL : This matter was fully discussed in the light of the Minister's action in calling together representatives of the National Association, Honey Suppliers' Association and the I.M.D. and also taking into account the views of the Suppliers' Association as reported upon by Mr. Barber. Following the discussion, the President remarked that there was a substantial measure of agreement in the views of the two Associations and the formation of a Marketing Council was agreed upon, endeavours to be made to secure a body of three producer and two Government representatives.

BASIS OF VOTING : Decided to urge that voting be on the lines already suggested to the Minister, with holders of from 30 to 60 hives two votes, with one additional vote for each additional 30 hives up to a maximum of 450 hives. Owing to the small amount of honey supplied to the Division during the past two years, it was agreed that candidates eligible for the first election should be those producers who had supplied one ton of honey to the I.M.D. in any one year of voluntary supply.

With reference to the Special Meeting called by the Minister, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Williams should be the Association's second representative.

TRUST FUND : Resolved on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that the sum of £10 be transferred this year from the Trust Fund to the General Account."

This concluded the business of the meeting which then terminated, with the President expressing his thanks to members for their attendance, the time being 12.35 p.m.

**CONFIRMED.**

DATE . July 5<sup>th</sup> 1948...

CHAIRMAN *S. Atfield* .....

